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Fourth-week enrollment at 12,748; UND will serve more than 22,000 In 2008-09

The University of North Dakota reached 12,748 in its final fourth-week enrollment tally, according to Suzanne Anderson, registrar. That total is up 189 students from last year's final count of 12,559. This fall universities and colleges within the North Dakota University System are taking the final enrollment snapshot in the fourth week. In previous years, that snapshot has been taken in the third week.

Anderson said the University will actually serve quite a few more students during the course of the year. "The fourth-week number is the 'official enrollment' for the year, but in reality, it is a snapshot only of the students registered on the first day of the fourth week of school. It doesn't include many of the students that we serve. UND typically enrolls an additional 2,000 or so degree-seeking students throughout the remainder of the year," said Anderson.

The number also doesn't include some students trained by the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences through UND's partnerships across the United States and with other countries.

UND also serves an additional 7,500 people who participate in professional continuing education, workshops, conferences, and similar learning opportunities through the Division of Continuing Education.

The University of North Dakota will directly serve more than 22,000 people this year, said UND President Robert Kelley. Some of those individuals will be served through distance education programs and courses, particularly in the areas of engineering (civil, electrical, chemical and mechanical), nursing, forensic psychology, special education, social work, and autistic spectrum disorders. UND, which already offers 31 degree and certificate programs off campus, continues to make great strides in expanding its distance education opportunities.

UND saw growth in the Graduate School, with 2,135 students (an increase of 8 percent from last year) compared to 1,985 in 2007 and 1,978 in 2006. That's good news for the University, said Kelley. The Graduate School has shown strong increases -- up 634 students from the 2000-01 academic year, when the enrollment was 1,492. That is consistent with UND's Strategic Plan, which set a goal of graduate students representing 20 percent of UND's student body. The increase in graduate students, particularly at the doctoral level, also has a significant impact as UND works to increase its research enterprise. In fiscal year 2007, UND recorded more than \$100 million in sponsored programs and research.

"We are delighted with the record number of graduate student enrollments, which exceed 2,100 students. An 8 percent increase is significant and I believe this success can be attributed to a number of factors. UND has a highly respected graduate faculty who have a reputation for exceptional research and scholarship, and are committed to mentoring graduate students. This results in high-quality academic programs that increasingly place UND as a first choice on student applications. Furthermore, we are achieving our strategic goals while maintaining rigorous admissions standards," said Joseph Benoit, dean of the UND Graduate School.

UND attracted 1,942 new freshmen (up 5 percent) and 759 transfer students (up 13 percent).

Growth was particularly notable in the College of Nursing, School of Engineering and Mines, College of Business and Public Administration, College of Education and Human Development, and the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences.

Overall, the University is happy with the quality of the new freshman class, said Robert Boyd, vice president for student and outreach services. He said he is also happy that UND is seeing better retention from the freshman to the sophomore year. That, he said, is a predicted outcome of UND raising its admissions standards for students who entered in 2005.

"Our enrollment picture is a positive one. It is clear an increasing number of high school students selected UND as their choice for furthering their education. At the same time, many undergraduate and graduate students are finding UND's offerings online to be an attractive way to access its programs. Given all the upward trends we are seeing, the enrollment goals that we have set are very realistic," said Boyd.

Greg Weisenstein, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said UND continues to be an excellent institution with an excellent reputation. That reputation among North Dakotans is confirmed each year, he said, during the annual UND deans' bus tour that connects the University's academic leadership with people throughout the state. As further evidence, he points to recent rankings in U.S. News and World Report, The Princeton Review, and Washington Monthly. Last year, the Washington Monthly list of National Universities placed UND among the country's top 70 public universities (UND was 69, up 31 spots from the previous year).

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EVENTS TO NOTE

On Teaching lunch-time seminars begin Oct. 1

The Office of Instructional Development (OID) and Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) co-sponsor lunch-time

seminars on teaching-related topics of interest to faculty in all disciplines. This year half of our sessions will focus on "Teaching with Technology." We hope you can join us.

Fall seminars:

- * The first in our Teaching with Technology Faculty Seminar Series, "Assessing the Opportunities and Challenges of Using Classroom Technologies: What Is Lost and What Is Gained," is from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.
- * "Creative Thinking Across the Curriculum" is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28.
- * "Is there a 'Stupidity Crisis' in Academe?" is from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19.

The second in our Teaching with Technology Faculty Seminar Series: Teaching in the Blogosphere is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2.

All sessions take place in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union. Wednesday sessions run from noon to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday sessions run from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. To register and reserve a lunch, please call Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or e-mail: jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu
-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development, anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4233

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Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn meets Oct. 1

The Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn is set for noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A survivor will share her personal story of how violence has affected her life. Everyone is welcome, and lunch will be provided.
-- Patty McIntyre, Program Associate, Womens Center , undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu, 777-4302

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Sweden Night is Thursday

Come discover the culture of Sweden at the Thursday Night Cultural Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Loading Dock, Memorial Union. Learn about the culture of Sweden and sample Swedish cuisine. The event is free and open to the public. Food is \$1 to sample.
-- Shannon Jolly, International Student Advisor, International Programs, shannonjolly@mail.und.edu, 7-4118

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Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics seminar is Oct. 3

Fred J. Helmstetter, professor of psychology, behavioral/systems neuroscience, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, will present a seminar titled, "Neural Systems for Memory and Emotion" at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, in Room 3933, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
This seminar is sponsored by the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence Pathophysiological Signaling in Neurodegenerative Disorders and the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics. All are welcome to attend.
-- Deb Kroese, Administrative Officer, Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics, dkroese@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-6221

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Physics colloquium is Oct. 3

A physics colloquium will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, in 211 Witmer Hall. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30 p.m. in 215 Witmer Hall. The talk, "Modeling of TCNE Organic-based Magnets to Study their Magnetic and Transport Properties," will be presented by Muhammad Aziz Majidi (physics).
-- Connie Cicha, Secretary, Physics, connie_cicha@und.ndoak.edu, 777-2911

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Red River Valley Neuroscience Chapter meets Oct. 3

The Red River Valley Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience will hold its annual meeting at noon Friday, Oct. 3, Room 8, Robertson/Sayre Hall. The Red River Valley Chapter is involved in many activities on campus and in the community. Items on the agenda include the election of new officers and planning of this year's activities. This year's events will include a public lecture by a well-known neuroscientist, the annual Greater Grand Forks Brain Bee, and Brain Awareness Week activities. We encourage faculty, staff and students with interests in neuroscience to attend this meeting, learn about chapter activities, and participate in future activities.

-- Peter Meberg, Associate Professor, Biology, peter.meberg@und.edu, 7-4674

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Oct. 4 bake sale will benefit Ron Burrows

A benefit bake sale for Ron Burrows, academic building services technician, will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at University Lutheran Church, 2122 University Ave. The bake sale will be held to offset expenditures incurred by medical costs and lost wages.

Ron is responsible for several buildings on campus but spends most of his time at the Chester Fritz Library. If you would like to donate baked goods and/or volunteer to help in the bake sale, please contact Kalan Knudson, Chester Fritz Library, (777-3316) or Curt Hanson, Chester Fritz Library, (777-4626) for more details. Matching funds will be sought through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Ron, his wife, Donna, and his family would be very grateful of your support at this difficult time.

-- Curt Hanson, Special Collections, Chester Fritz Library, curthanson@mail.und.edu, 777-7626

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Music presents Contemporary Chamber Music Ensemble in concert

The Contemporary Chamber Music Ensemble will present a concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, in the Josephine Campbell Recital Hall, Hughes Fine Arts Center. The Contemporary Chamber Music Ensemble consists of artist/faculty from North Dakota and Minnesota. The mission of the ensemble is to perform the best of 20th and 21st century chamber music, adjusting personnel and instrumentation to fit the needs of the repertoire. This inaugural concert will include the complete version of Igor Stravinsky's "l'Histoire du Soldat" (The Soldier's Tale) and Bohuslav Martinu's "La Revue de Cuisine" (The Kitchen Revue).

Performers:

Conductor, Alejandro Drago, UND; narrator, Royce Blackburn, UND; clarinet, Elizabeth Rheude, UND; bassoon, Michael Wittgraf, UND; trumpet, Ronnie Ingle, UND; euphonium, Chad Green, UND; violin, Laura Prokopyk, Bismarck; cello, Naomi Welsh, UND; string bass, Alexander Pershounin, MSU-Moorhead; percussion, Michael Blake, UND; and piano, Susan Tang, UND.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, and \$12 for families (two adults and two children).

The program will be approximately 90 minutes long, including intermission.

-- Elizabeth Rheude, Associate Professor, Music, elizabeth_rheude@und.nodak.edu, 777-2823

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Museum Concert is Sunday, Oct. 5

The North Dakota Museum of Art will premiere its 2008-2009 Museum Concert Series with marimbist Naoko Takada at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, in the Museum galleries. She will perform a diverse program with works ranging from Johann Sebastian Bach to John Lennon. The Museum is located on Centennial Drive on the

University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

The Museum Concert Series, founded in 1990, is a celebration of classical music that brings performers of international repute to the Museum. It is the oldest chamber concert series in the region and draws a mixed audience of all ages. Mayville State University shares the series with the Museum, hosting their performances Monday evenings.

Of marimbist Naoko Takada, The Washington Post wrote, "If you have any doubt that a solo mallet instrument can sustain your attention throughout an entire concert, Takada just might make you change your mind."

Naoko Takada was born in Tokyo, Japan. Her 2004-2005 season started with Paul Newman's Gala Event, where she had a stage with Hollywood stars Bruce Willis, Meryl Streep, Danny Glover and others. She appeared as a soloist with many orchestras, including Houston Symphony; China National Symphony Orchestra, Fargo-Moorhead Symphony, San Angelo Symphony, DuPage Symphony; Tokyo Symphony Orchestra; Tokyo Chamber Orchestra; Xalapa Symphony (Mexico). She had appeared in many mass media including WQXR (NY radio), WGBH (Boston radio) , LA Japanese radio, RTHK (Hong Kong radio). In 2003, she had a showcase concert at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Kentucky. In 2004, she appeared as a guest performer in the Belgium International Marimba Festival. She now resides in Los Angeles and Tokyo, where she works with private students in her spare time.

She won first prize in the Young Concert Artist International Audition and also was awarded the Beracasa Foundation Prize. She had a debut at the Tokyo Opera City Recital Hall, Tokyo, 92nd Street Y in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the Gardena Museum in Boston. Her successful recitals were reviewed in many newspapers and magazines. Her other awards include first prize in the nationally known Ima Hogg National Young Artist Competition, the Sorantin Young Artist award International competition, and the Japan International League of Artists Competition.

Upcoming concerts include Trio Verve, Nov. 2; ETA 3, Dec. 7; Stefan Hussong, accordin, Jan. 25; and the vocal ensemble Tapestry, March 22.

The Museum Concert Series is funded in part by a grant from the Myra Foundation, with additional support by the Performing Arts Fund, a program of Arts Midwest funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art, with additional contributions from General Mills Foundation, Land O'Lakes Foundation, the North Dakota Council on the Arts. Committed classical music lovers also contribute an additional \$50 on top of their season tickets to become sponsors who share in the cost of bringing great music to the community.

Tickets for the Concert Series are available by subscription to the series, or available for single concerts at the door or in advance at the North Dakota Museum of Art. Non-member tickets: \$70 for the season, \$15 per concert at the door. Member's tickets: \$60 for the season, \$13 per concert at the door. Student and military tickets are \$20 for the season, \$5 per concert at the door. Children middle school and under are admitted free. Help assure the survival of the Concert Series by becoming a Concert Series Sponsor for an additional \$50. Order your tickets today by sending a check or calling 777-4195.

The North Dakota Museum of Art is located on Centennial Drive on the University of North Dakota campus in Grand Forks. Museum hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum shop is open during Museum hours. The Museum Café is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, blofthus@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Doctoral examination set for Laura B. Munski

The final examination for Laura B. Munski, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in teaching and learning, is set for 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, in Room 308, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Needs Assessment for The Greenway Grand Forks / East Grand Forks Development and Public Education." John D. Williams (teaching and learning) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Women's Fund Lecture Series features Nicole Derenne

Nicole Derenne will discuss feminism in Western art, from women artists active in the 1950s modernist movement to art that portrayed distinctly feminist concerns in the 1970s, 80s and 90s. She will also address how feminist perspectives in art have changed during this time period, and how various feminist theories have influenced the portrayal of women's issues in art. Examples of artwork from specific artists will be discussed, including Judy Chicago, Miriam Schapiro, Mary Kelly, Kiki Smith, Cindy Sherman, Barbara Krueger and Jenny Holzer. This artwork will be viewed within the context of issues pertinent to feminist concerns, including identity, perception of beauty, women's work and gender representation.

The lecture is at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, in the Idea Lab of the Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center, Center for Innovation. A reception will follow to meet and visit with Derenne. The event is free; all are welcome.

Derenne received a master of arts in art history from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2003.

-- SuAnne Wood Frasier, Womens Fund Director, Community Foundation of GF, EGF & Region, sfrasier@gofoundation.org, 746-0668

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Faculty, staff invited to outreach program in residence halls

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in a new program sponsored by UND Residence Services called Residence Life House Calls. The House Calls Program is a campus community-building initiative designed to reach out to students living in campus housing. While the program focuses on connecting with first-year students, it will impact all students living in the residence halls and give them an opportunity to interact with faculty members, administrators, and staff on a personal level.

This outreach program involves sending two faculty or staff members, plus a housing representative out together on a wing or floor of a residence hall to knock on students' doors to see if they need assistance with anything. Topics of conversations include involvement on campus, room issues, campus safety, or course advisement. This program lets students know that the University community cares and is willing to take time to interact with them one-on-one outside the classroom environment.

House Calls will take place in the residence halls Monday, Oct. 6, and Thursday, Oct. 9. You are invited to take part in one night or both. The program runs from 6 to 9 p.m. each night, with an optional free dinner offered from 5 to 6 p.m. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please e-mail cindyspencer@mail.und.edu or call 777-6281.

-- Cindy Spencer, Director, Residence Life and Education, cindyspencer@mail.und.edu, 777-6281

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Women's Center sponsors ND Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night Rally

The Women's Center is sponsoring the 14th annual Clothesline Project through Oct. 10 in the Memorial Union Ballroom, second floor. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

The Take Back the Night Rally will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in the Memorial Union Ballroom with keynote speaker Andrea Cooper, who will share the story of her daughter, Kristin. In 1995, Kristin was raped by a friend; as a result of this assault, Kristin battled depression which came to an end when she took her own life.

The Clothesline Project is a visual display of T-shirts that demonstrate the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. Each shirt represents a particular adult's, young adult's, or child's experience and is decorated by the survivor or by a family member or friend. Help us take a stand against domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. This issue affects everyone, not just women.

-- Patty McIntyre, Program Associate, Womens Center, undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu, 777-4300

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Aircraft accident investigation course scheduled for Oct. 7-9

The UND Aerospace Foundation (UNDAF) and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), in a cooperative effort, will conduct a two-and-one-half-day aircraft accident investigation course at the Grand Forks International Airport Oct. 7-9. The course is designed to provide an advanced level of instruction to individuals who may participate in aircraft accident investigations conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Over 30 airline pilots and aviation professionals from around the United States and Canada are expected to participate in the course, which will use actual aircraft wreckage donated by a firm in California. The wreckage "site" will be recreated south of the flight operations' facility and used specifically for investigative training techniques.

This course is also offered to a select group of aviation employees and a limited number of aviation students who have completed aviation safety courses at UND. Aviation aircraft manufacturers who have expressed interest in this type of course and training will also be attending.

This is the sixth year that UNDAF and ALPA have conducted the course. For further information, contact Dana Siewert at 701-777-7895 (e-mail: siewert@aero.und.edu) or check out <http://aaic.aero.und.edu>.

-- Karen Ryba, director of communications, aerospace, ryba@aero.und.edu, 777-4761

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Astronomy public talk, telescope observing session is Oct. 7

The Department of Physics will hold an astronomy public talk and telescope observing session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, in 116 Witmer Hall. The talk, "Near-Earth Objects, Dinosaurs, and You," will be presented by Mike Gaffey (space studies). Following the talk, attendees will be given the opportunity to observe the night sky through a telescope (weather permitting). For further information, please see www.physics.und.edu/tour.

-- Wayne Barkhouse, Assistant Professor, Physics, wayne.barkhouse@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-3520

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Work Well with U2 and Gain Freedom from Smoking classes begin Oct. 7

The University Within the University (U2) offers the following sessions.

Freedom from Smoking

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 23, 28; and Nov. 4 and 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Room 16-18, Swanson Hall

This seven-session class, sponsored by Work Well and Grand Forks Public Health, uses a systematic approach to help employees quit tobacco. The class is based on information from the American Lung Association and provides a positive focus on behavior change. Walk-ins are welcome; however, space is limited, so preregistration is recommended. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions in this series. Any benefited state employee covered by NDPERS is eligible to attend this session free of charge. The presenter will be contacting all participants prior to the session to collect additional registration information. Presenter: Theresa Knox, Grand Forks Public Health.

Special note: Non-benefited UND employees, UND student employees, or UND students interested in registering for this educational session must register directly through Grand Forks Public Health by contacting Theresa Knox at 787-8140 or TKnox@grandforksgov.com

Evening Freedom from Smoking sessions are available directly through Grand Forks Public Health. Contact Theresa Knox at 787-8140 or TKnox@grandforksgov.com for more information.

-- Denis F. MacLeod, U2 Coordinator, University Within the University, denismacleod@mail.und.edu, 701-777-0720

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See the article above for more information.

Introduction to Commercializing Your Research

Oct. 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Medora Room, Memorial Union

Learn what intellectual property is and what steps you need to follow if you think you have an invention.

Presenter: Tara Kopplin, licensing assistant, Intellectual Property Commercialization and Economic Development.

Hiring Procedures and the Termination Process*

Oct. 9, 9 to 11 a.m., 305 Twamley Hall

Learn what constitutes a legal hire as well as a legal termination of an employee. Presenters: Desi Sporbett and Joy Johnson.

* Required training for all finance and operations supervisors (future supervisors are encouraged to attend).

Employee Travel Policies and Procedures

Oct. 10, 10 to 11:30 a.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union

Brush up on the procedures to follow for employee ticket authorizations, direct billing of airline tickets, and employee travel expense vouchers. Presenter: Bonnie Nerby.

-- Denis F. MacLeod, U2 Coordinator, University Within the University, denismacleod@mail.und.edu, 701-777-0720

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UND Music presents Faculty Lecture Series

The Department of Music is presenting a series of seven faculty lectures Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Josephine Campbell Recital Hall, Hughes Fine Arts Center. The series reflects a variety of faculty interests and expertise, with topics such as instrumental jazz, vocal and choral performance, music education and therapy,

musicology, and composition. Michael Blake began the lectures Sept. 30 with "The Creation and the Reharmonization of a Jazz Standard." Joshua Bronfman presented "Five Pictures from the Bible: Composer, Commissioner, and Work" Oct. 7. Therese Costes will present "Music Therapy in North Dakota" Oct. 14; Michael Wittgraf, "The Natural Habitat of the Academic Composer," Oct. 21; Royce Blackburn, "The Musical Characterization of Irony in Dominick Argento's The Andrée Expedition," Oct. 28; Gary Towne, "Music and Civic Pride: Musical Institutions in Medieval and Renaissance Bergamo," Nov. 4; and Katherine Norman Dearden, "Florence Clinton Sutro Remembered," Nov. 18. All lectures are free and open to the public.

For further information, contact the music office at 777-2644.
-- Tammy Mulske, Technology and Marketing Supervisor, Music, tamara.mulske@und.nodak.edu, 777-2644

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Staying on Track Program is Oct. 7-8

The Student Success Center will host the Staying on Track program on Tuesday, Oct. 7, and Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Staying on Track (formerly known as the Learning Fair) is a series of sessions designed to help students "Stay on Track" through their college careers. Please encourage students to attend. Students can attend one or as many as they like. The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, Oct. 7:
- 9 to 9:50 a.m., "The Ins and Outs of Dining Out and Grocery Shopping"
 - 10 to 10:50 a.m., "Take Time to Smell the Roses"
 - 11 to 11:50 a.m., "All About Your Peer Educators and Night Life"
 - noon to 12:50 p.m., "Get the Most Out of All That Textbook Information"
 - 1 to 1:50 p.m., "Taking Time to Exercise"
 - 2 to 2:50 p.m., "Notetaking In and Beyond the Classroom"
 - 3 to 3:50 p.m., "How Knowing Your Learning Style Can Help"

- Wednesday, Oct. 8:
- 9 to 9:50 a.m., "Take the Mystery Out of Studying for Tests"
 - 10 to 10:50 a.m., "There's More to Taking Tests Than Studying"
 - 11 to 11:50 a.m., "What Employers Are Looking for When Recruiting College Students for Professional Positions"
 - noon to 12:50 p.m., "How Diversity Affects You"
 - 1 to 1:50 p.m., "Take a Breath and Live It Up!"
 - 2 to 2:50 p.m., "Take Time to Smell the Roses"
 - 3 to 3:50 p.m., "College, Credit, and Cash: What You Need to Know"

If you have any questions, please contact the Student Success Center at 777-2117.
-- Angie Carpenter, Asst. Director of Programs/Academic Advisor, Student Success Center, angiecarpenter@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3910

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Retirement reception for John Williams is Oct. 8

The Department of Educational Foundations and Research invites the University community to a reception honoring John Delane Williams on his retirement after 42 years of teaching, research and service to our University, 38 of those years in the rank of full professor.

Williams was first appointed assistant professor in the College of Education in 1966. He has two Ph.D.s, one in statistics and research methodologies (University of Northern Colorado, 1966) and the other is in clinical psychology (The Fielding Graduate University, 1994). He has won the Sigma Xi Award for Individual Excellence

in Research (1979), and the Burlington Northern Award for Outstanding Teaching and Faculty Development (1986). He has been the advisor to 33 doctoral graduates, and has served either as a committee member or research advisor to over 1,000 graduate students at the University of North Dakota.

He is the author of over 300 books, chapters in books, articles and presentations. The articles have appeared in 50 different journals. His research has typically been in statistics or educational research journals, psychology journals, and more recently in journals regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, an area in which he is regarded an outstanding scholar.

Join us as we wish an enjoyable and healthful retirement to John and his wife Jolie from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the North Dakota Museum of Art. -- Kathleen Gershman, chair, Educational Foundations and Research.

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Check alignment at Work Well Body Shop

Is your body in need of an "alignment"? Come to the Work Well Body Shop where physical therapy students and faculty will take you through a series of checks to ensure your body is in proper tune. This is like no other body shop out there -- participants will have the opportunity to register to win free oil changes from Grease Monkey and Abs and Back out workout DVD's. Note: The only clothing you may be asked to remove are your shoes and socks to check out pressure areas on your feet. Other joints that will be put through the checks are ankles, knees, and your posture. So if you are slumping in your office chair and your joints are aching, come and get your tune-up today. The Body Shop will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. Oct. 14 in the Mandan Room, Memorial Union, and from 7 to 9 a.m. Oct. 21 and 28 in the JW room at Wilkerson.

-- Andrew Miller, Work Well Coordinator, Wellness Center- Work Well, workwell@mail.und.edu, 777-0210

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"Women Communicating Wisdom," second edition is Oct. 8

The UND student chapter of the Association for Women in Communication (AWC) invites campus and community members to the second edition of "Women Communicating Wisdom," Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the Badlands Room, Memorial Union. Come and enjoy a conversation about women's wisdom, and contribute with your ideas about wisdom! Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m., the presentation will start at 6:30 p.m., and the conversation will follow.

In the past year, members of the UND student chapter of AWC have asked women from all walks of life questions about who their mentors are or were, how they have developed their own unique wisdom, and how they are communicating their wisdom to others. AWC members will present this information, acquired through panel discussions and survey questionnaires, and will engage the audience in a conversation about women's wisdom.

The second edition of "Women Communicating Wisdom" aims to showcase, through dialogues between AWC members and the audience, the diversity of women in terms of race, ethnicity, education, ability, interest and talent, and the variety of women's wisdom. The UND student chapter of AWC hopes to function as a facilitator of women's networking.

The concept of wisdom is multidimensional, and it is necessary to explore as many of those dimensions as possible. During the second edition of "Women Communicating Wisdom," you have an opportunity to listen, learn, and share your dimension of wisdom.

-- Diana Nastasia, President, UND student chapter of the Association for Women in Communication, Communication, diana.nastasia@und.edu, 701-777-3053

Nonpartisan League meets at UND Oct. 9-10

The Nonpartisan League Conference, "The Nonpartisan League at 90," will meet Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9-10, in the Orth Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union.

Thursday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Dave Britton, Grand Forks, independent scholar, will address "Grain Elevators of the Great Plains: A Visual Presentation."

Friday, Oct. 10

* 9 a.m., Charles M. Barber, Northeastern Illinois University, emeritus, "From Elliot Ness to Dear Abby: William Langer as NPL Attorney General in North Dakota, 1917-1920."

* 9:30 a.m., Travis Nygard, University of Pittsburgh, history, "Nonpartisan League Visual Culture and the Birth of Betty Crocker."

* 10 to 10:15 a.m., break

* 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

-- Richard Whaley, University of Wisconsin-Fon-du-lac, history, "Stephen Joseph Doyle and Wartime Democracy in North Dakota During the 1918 Gubernatorial Election."

-- Kim E. Higgs, University of North Dakota, aerospace, "The Nonpartisan League Leader's Role in the Development of the Nonpartisan League."

-- Richard K. Stenberg, Williston State University, history, "A Real Republican: The Political Life of Governor George F. Shafer."

-- Lloyd Omdahl, University of North Dakota, political science, emeritus, "The Switch of the Nonpartisan League to the Democratic Column."

* 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., lunch

Sandwich and Salad Buffet; reservations required, \$11/person

* 1 p.m., Curt Hanson, University of North Dakota, senior archivist, Chester Fritz Library, "Researching the League."

* 2 p.m., Eric Bergeson, Fertile, Minn., independent scholar, "What Made Bill Langer Tick?"

* 2:30 p.m., Gordon Iseminger, University of North Dakota, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, history, "The NPL's Home Building Association, 1919-1923: Its Legacy."

* 3 to 3:15 p.m., break

* 3:15 p.m., Robert C. Carlson, president, North Dakota Farmers' Union, "The Farmers' Union and the NPL: A Common Heritage."

* 3:45 p.m., Thomas Contois, Washington, D.C., independent scholar, "A Triumph of American Politics: Subduing Popular Democracy on the Northern Plains."

* 4:15 p.m., Robert L. Caulkins Sr., University of North Dakota, history, "The Role of the NPL-Led Council of Defense in Preserving Civil Liberties in World War I."

* 4:45 p.m., Kimberly K. Porter, University of North Dakota, history, "The NPL as Impetus for the American Farm Bureau Federation."

* 5:15 to 7 p.m., break.

* 7 p.m., film, "Northern Lights."

All events are free and open to the public. However, so that there might be an accurate count for break times, please call 777-6230 or e-mail kimberly.porter@und.nodak.edu to let us know you are planning to attend.

UND students: one course credit is available for participating in this seminar. Please contact one of the above resources for further information.

Registration:
Name:
Affiliation:
Address:
e-mail:
Lunch reservation (checks payable to NPL Conference):

-- Kim Porter, professor and chair, history.

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Work Well Mini-Mobile Health Fairs begin

Join Work Well and the College of Nursing at the launch of the Mini-Mobile Health Fair. This event will give you great information to get you started. Here's what you can expect: Walk in, meet confidentially with a professional nursing student to learn what screenings (based on your age and gender) are right for you to be doing on a regular basis. Then get a free screening, which makes you eligible to win cash (\$500 or \$1,000). The Mini-Mobile Health Fair will be held Thursdays from Oct. 9 through Nov. 20. Times and location vary, so refer to your fall 2008 Work Well programming booklet (coming to a mailbox or meeting near you soon) for details or contact workwell@mail.und.nodak.edu.

-- Andrew Miller, Work Well Coordinator, Wellness Center- Work Well, workwell@mail.und.edu, 701-777-0210

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Applying fair use doctrine Web conference is Oct. 10

On Friday, Oct. 10, the Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies/ITSS will host an Academic Impressions Web conference. Wesley D. Blakeslee, executive director, Technology Transfer, and associate general counsel at John Hopkins University, will present information on "Applying Fair Use Doctrine to Colleges and Universities."

This Web conference will cover:

- * What is fair use and what is not?
- * Educational fair use - define
- * The 1976 copyright law
- * The erosion of the right of educational institutions to use copyrighted works
- * The problem with the guidelines
- * How can we help ourselves from infringements?

Who should attend? Individuals responsible for the creation and enforcement of institutional copyright policy, including policy officers, legal counsel, university librarians, academic deans, department heads, faculty, and instructional designers.

The Web conference will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, in Room 10/12, Swanson Hall. To register and reserve a free box lunch, call Diane at 777-2129 or send an e-mail to ciltworkshops@mail.und.edu by noon Tuesday, Oct. 7.

-- Diane Lundeen, Technology Coordinator, Center for Instructional & Learning Technologies/ITSS, dianelundeen@mail.und.edu, 777-2129

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UND Winter Grad Expo set for Oct. 14

Are you graduating in December? Join us for the UND Graduation Expo to help you get ready to graduate. The Expo will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Loading Dock, Memorial Union. UND's

Bookstore and Herff Jones will have all your regalia needs on site and available for purchase, plus information about class rings, diploma covers, frames and invitations. Other vendors include the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Graduate School, Career Services, Housing, Campus Catering, Alumni Association and the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events. This is an opportunity to ask questions and gather information about the Dec. 19 winter commencement ceremonies for graduate and undergraduate students. Stop in for all your graduation needs and register for door prizes. For more information about graduation, go to

<http://commencement.und.edu> .

-- Dawn Botsford, Events Coordinator, Office of Ceremonies and Special Events,

dawnbotsford@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-6393

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Grand opening for Adapt/Night Life office is Oct. 14

The grand opening for the Adapt Peer Educators and Night Life @ UND office in the lower level of the Memorial Union will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14. There will be a short program at 12:15 p.m. along with cookies and lemonade.

-- Sandi Luck, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist, University Counseling Center ,

Sandiluck@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4188

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VeggieTales to play at Chester Fritz Auditorium

VeggieTales will return to Grand Forks for two performances at 4 and 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. VeggieTales fans, get ready for singing, dancing and a whole lot of silliness as everyone's favorite VeggieTales characters take to the stage this fall to perform for audiences nationwide during their 50-city, major-market "VeggieTales: God Made You Special, Live!" tour. This exciting new show provides the ultimate live experience for VeggieTales fans! Kids and parents alike will have the opportunity to enjoy this high-energy musical extravaganza at top venues across the country.

Featuring favorite VeggieTales songs and spectacular singing and dancing, this 80-minute event is perfect for kids of all ages! With ticket prices ranging from \$19 to \$29, audiences everywhere can expect to see some of their beloved VeggieTales characters come to life right before their very eyes, as well as experience a few really fun surprises.

"This show is really, really cool," says featured performer Larry the Cucumber. "We've got bubbles, smoke machines, disco balls, awesome lights, interactive video screens, confetti cannons and bubbles! Bob and I, along with all of our Veggie friends, come out on stage and give the kids our best show ever! Did I mention the bubbles?"

Tickets may be purchased at the Chester Fritz Auditorium box office, Ralph Engelstad Arena box office, online at www.ticketmaster.com, or by phone at 701-772-5151. Ticket prices are \$19/\$29.

The VeggieTales performances are being promoted by the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Join Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber during a filming of their show to see what happens when the cameras stop rolling. Get a sneak peek behind the scenes during an exclusive visit to the VeggieTales Sound Stage! But what happens when Bob mysteriously disappears and the sleuthing begins?

The whole gang will have to come together to crack the case of the missing Tomato in true Veggie style. Along the way there's always time for disco, skirts made of pizza, and a few fun surprises. Through this crazy journey, can the Veggies learn the value of each other's differences and find that God made each of them special? Find out when Big Idea, Inc. presents the "God Made You Special, Live!"

This fun-filled show stars Bob and Larry, joined by Veggie pals Jimmy and Jerry Gourd, Junior Asparagus, Pa Grape, Archibald Asparagus and Mr. Lunt. The show also features lots of singers, dancers and new friend Hazel, as well as the return of Jessie, who performs and helps host the show while teaching Bob and Larry some valuable lessons along the way. Highlighted musical selections include classic silly songs such as "His Cheeseburger," "Pizza Angel," and "The Water Buffalo Song"; brand new performances of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Proud Mary," and "Shout!," plus all-time favorites like "God is Bigger Than the Boogie Man," and an all-new, never-before-heard version of the famous VeggieTales theme song! For tour information, you can also visit www.bigidea.com/events.

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Nominations sought for honorary degree candidates

Members of the University Council are invited to nominate outstanding individuals for an honorary degree. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, Nov. 28. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, the following State Board of Higher Education criteria (see SBHE, Policy 430.1):

1. The candidate should have had an association with the State of North Dakota. This association may be by virtue of birth, of residence, of education, of service to the state, the Board, or one of the institutions governed by the Board.
2. The candidate must have achieved a level of distinction which would merit comparable recognition in his or her profession or area of excellence.
3. The renown of the candidate should reflect favorably on the Board, the institutions it governs, and the State of North Dakota.

In order to avoid any embarrassment, no suggestion shall be made to any person to be so honored until the State Board of Higher Education has acted on the nomination.

Institutional criteria and standards for the awarding of honorary degrees at the University of North Dakota have been established by the University Senate. It is recommended that the following criteria be used in considering persons for an honorary degree:

1. Achievement of distinction in scholarship, or in comparable professional or creative achievement.
2. Recognized and outstanding service to the nation, to the state, or to the University of North Dakota.
3. Attendance at or graduation from the University of North Dakota, except as the individual is outstanding with reference to the preceding criteria one and two.
4. Non-membership on the faculty of the University of North Dakota.
5. Scholarship specialization in an area in which the university normally grants an earned degree.

Procedures:

1. Nominations may be made by any member of the University Council.
2. Nominations must be accompanied by a factual dossier providing evidence that the nominee meets the criteria and standards established by the University Senate (Nos. 1-5 above). Factual compilation should include the following, in the order listed:
 - a. A brief biography
 - b. A list of scholarly writings, research and publications
 - c. Description of public service and achievements
 - d. List of offices and positions held
 - e. Other factual justifications for consideration
3. The nominee's scholarship will be evaluated by the departmental faculty in the area of the nominee's

- specialization, such evaluation to be a part of the dossier presented to the Honorary Degrees Committee.
4. A nominee will not be informed that he/she is being considered until the nomination has been approved at the SBHE level.
 5. The titles of honorary degrees shall be distinct from those of earned degrees at UND.
 6. No honorary bachelor's or master's degrees will be awarded.

On behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee, nominations and all supporting materials may be sent to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, 302 Twamley Hall. The dateline for submitting nominations is Friday, Nov. 28. -- Greg Weisenstein, Provost.

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Schedule an SGID in your classroom

Arrangements for SGIDs (small group instructional diagnosis, a process for soliciting student feedback at midterm) can be made now. SGIDs are done by trained faculty who work as facilitators for the process in colleagues' classrooms. A facilitator will collect information from your students, write it up into a report for you, and provide you with high-quality student input regarding their learning at mid-semester, rather than waiting until semester's end when course evaluations are completed. Furthermore, the interactive nature of the process can motivate students to think more carefully and deeply, so SGID feedback is often more thorough, providing you with a clear understanding of student perceptions. SGIDs are intended to be formative (i.e., for your own benefit as a teacher) rather than summative (for a promotion and tenure file). To schedule an SGID, please contact Jana Hollands at jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu or 777-4998.

-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development, anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4233

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Outstanding faculty award nominations due Friday, Oct. 17

Who are the outstanding teachers and departments at UND? You can help decide. The nomination process requires an easy, one-page electronic form which you can fill out online at www.awards.und.edu. The form will also be linked to the UND home page beginning the first of October. More information on the award process is available on the OID Web page under the "Programs" link.

The Outstanding Faculty Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the following individual and departmental awards:

- * Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching (individual)
- * Outstanding Graduate/Professional Teaching (individual)
- * Excellence in Teaching, Research/Creative Activity and Service – the "Faculty Scholar Award" (individual)
- * Outstanding Faculty Development or Service (individual)
- * Departmental Excellence in Teaching (department)
- * Departmental Excellence in Service (department)

Please take time to reward excellence among your colleagues by nominating a faculty member or department. The best nominations address specific award criteria. Nomination forms and criteria are available at www.awards.und.edu (follow the hyperlinks for specific award criterion.)

Nomination forms must be received by 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17. Please note the nomination deadline has been moved up to better accommodate the committee's workload. Nominations are encouraged from past students and alumni. Additional information is available by calling Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or jana_hollands@und.edu

-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development, anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4233

Developmental leave applications for 2009-2010 now available

Eligible faculty and staff who wish to apply for developmental leave projects for the 2009-10 academic year may submit proposals to the faculty member's chair and dean or the staff member's administrative supervisor. Faculty and staff who expect to submit an application should discuss their plans with the appropriate supervisor(s) prior to formally submitting a proposal. Developmental leaves are funded from existing resources in the departments and colleges.

Developmental leave applications and copies of the State Board of Higher Education Policy 701.2 governing developmental leaves are available on the Office of Academic Affairs Web site at www.und.edu/dept/vpaa/acadaffr/AAForms.html. Please consider the following before applying for a developmental leave:

- At least six years of regular service should have elapsed since one's initial appointment or since the last developmental leave.
- A final report addressing the outcomes of the previous leave must have been filed. These reports indicate the likelihood the candidate can successfully accomplish the proposed plan of work.
- A substantive tangible product is the ultimate expected outcome.
- The proposed project should not be the subject of an earlier developmental leave.
- The proposed project should benefit significantly from, or would not be possible without, the developmental leave.
- Developmental leaves to take place locally must clearly address the reasons why the proposed work could not be done elsewhere.

Preference will be given to proposals that:

- Involve significant travel elsewhere;
- Have some support (financial or otherwise) from another source (or institution).

Other guidelines:

- Normally, a maximum of two faculty per academic department may take leaves concurrently.
- Requests for one year of support should normally involve two consecutive semesters.
- Faculty who are on developmental leave should refrain from participating in departmental governance and on committees.
- Faculty planning to apply for a developmental leave should consult with the departmental chair and the dean of the college before submitting a proposal.

Applications will be reviewed at the college and/or administrative supervisory level. All proposals are due in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs on or before Nov. 13, 2008. The applications will also be reviewed by the Council of Deans, the provost, and president. Final approval of the proposals must await the approval by the State Board of Higher Education of UND's 2009-10 salary budget. -- Greg Weisenstein, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Annual reports due Oct. 15

The following information is being provided for assistance as you plan preparation of your FY2008 (July 2007-June 2008) annual report:

- The final due date for FY2008 Web-annual reports is Wednesday, Oct. 15. However, earlier submittal dates may be established by your respective college, unit, and/or division.

- The required Web-based report template for narrative reporting, instructions, and guidelines can be found at the annual report Web site URL:

<http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/datacol/annualreports/index.htm>

Password questions can be directed to the Office of Institutional Research at 777-4358.

The Web site also provides information about strategic and annual reporting at UND, as well as the state level.

- Please note the separate text boxes in Priority Action Area B to list publications and/or scholarships.
- The text-editing feature allows formatted text (bold, bullets, color, etc.) and tables to be copied and pasted while retaining the format. Please note that when “pasting” text into this site, MSWord seems to work the best.
- An attempt has been made to limit the amount of redundancy; however redundancy is necessary to accurately reflect your information as we report across all units to our various publics. Just a reminder that it is very important that you use the Web application template and instructions to guide your responses and provide complete information for each item.
- Core data can be accessed at the annual report Web site and continues to be updated as information becomes available.

- Questions on annual reporting should be directed to:

Academic Affairs: Connie Gagelin, 777-2165

Finance and Operations: Marisa Haggy, 777-4392

Student and Outreach Services: Lillian Elsinga or Terry Aubol, 777-2664

SMHS: Judy Solberg, 777-2722

Research: Rosemary Thue, 777-4915

All other: Cynthia Prom, 777-6142

-- Connie Gagelin, Administrative Officer, VPAA and Provost, conniegagelin@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-2165

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Computer Science receives accreditation status

The Department of Computer Science has achieved affirmation of accreditation of its bachelor's degree program in computer science by action of the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc.

To achieve accreditation, the computer science program had to satisfy 56 standards relating to program objectives and assessments of student learning, student support, institutional support for the program, and institutional facilities. During the accreditation process, the University of North Dakota was visited by a team of ABET computer science program evaluators from other academic institutions in the United States. The team conducted a thorough review of the program to certify its compliance with the ABET criteria.

“The Computer Science Department was held in high regard by the evaluation team for providing strong preparation for its graduates who enter the computing profession or continue their education in graduate programs,” said Ron Marsh, department chair. “The evaluators valued our program and felt that our faculty are hard-working and committed to providing the best educational experience possible for students. The program provides rigorous courses in fundamental and advanced computer science, a strong background in math and science, and instruction in the ethics and social implications of computing.”

ABET, Inc., the recognized accreditor for college and university programs in applied science, computing,

engineering, and technology, is a federation of 29 professional and technical societies representing these fields. Among the most respected accreditation organizations in the United States, ABET has provided leadership and quality assurance in higher education for over 75 years.

-- Karen Ryba, director of communications, aerospace, ryba@aero.und.edu, 777-4761

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New Finance and Operations Division policy Web site is ECAPP

Vice President Robert Gallagher and the Division of Finance and Operations announce a new policy Web site, ECAPP (an Electronic Collection of Administrative Policies and Procedures). Effective Oct. 1, the Web site will house all University policies created and maintained by the Division.

<http://www.und.edu/dept/policyoffice>

The Division implemented a new policy development process in August 2007. Since then, all new University policies created by the Division have gone through the process, are in the new format, and are indexed. Most policies are available in PDF for consistent viewing and printing. Please note that there are many finance and operations policies that predate this process, and so, as yet, have not been through the entire process. They remain official University policies and, in time, are expected to complete this process.

Please visit our new Web site to experience all that ECAPP has to offer. Questions about policy content should be addressed to the responsible office of the policy. Policy development questions or technical questions can be forwarded to Marisa Haggy, Vice President for Finance and Operations office, at 777-4392 or

marisahaggy@mail.und.edu.

-- Marisa Haggy, Special Projects/Assistant to VP, VP for Finance and Operations,
marisahaggy@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4392

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University Curriculum Committee to hear program termination

The University Curriculum Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in 305 Twamley Hall to discuss the proposed request to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy. This request has no impact on the doctorate of physical therapy program. The committee will also discuss the termination of the secondary certification in the School of Communication program. All interested parties are invited to attend.

-- Connie Borboa, Admissions and Records Officer, Registrar Office, connieborboa@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-4852

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Library of the Health Sciences lists extended hours

The Library of the Health Sciences will be open extended hours, from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4.

-- April Byars, Administrative Assistant, Library of the Health Sciences, abyars@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-3893

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New staff member joins Center for Rural Health

Boris Volkov has joined the staff of the Center for Rural Health (CRH) at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Volkov is a research associate and assistant professor of evaluation studies responsible for program evaluation, evaluation capacity building, and research in federal, state, and local public health related projects.

Prior to joining the CRH, Dr. Volkov held numerous professional positions which have given him 11 years of research and program/personnel evaluation experience, seven years of teaching experience, and five years of administrative experience. He has been involved with a number of research and evaluation studies on education, science, technology, poverty reduction, community building, and communication programs and projects, as well as evaluation capacity building in organizations.

Volkov holds a doctorate in evaluation studies with a certificate in human resource development from the University of Minnesota. He also holds master's degrees in educational policy and administration (comparative and international development education) and psychology from the University of Minnesota and Taschkent State University in Taschkent, Uzbekistan, respectively.

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Institutional Research newsletter now online

The latest issue of the Institutional Research Office newsletter is available online at

<http://www.und.edu/dept/datacol/newsletter/sept2008final.pdf>

Highlighted in the September 2008 issue is the UND student experience from the 2008 Graduating Student Survey (GSS). This UND-developed survey reports on educational experiences, student involvement, employment status, and overall satisfaction with the University experience. Some noteworthy findings from the GSS include:

The report lists the level of satisfaction on 21 items. The top five most satisfied items are:

- o Level of interaction with other UND students (88.1 percent)
- o Overall social experience (88.0 percent)
- o Overall academic experience (85.9 percent)
- o Challenge of courses in major (83.6 percent)
- o Helpfulness of faculty in major (82.4 percent)

Also looking at the satisfaction levels of the 21 items, six of these have seen a steady increase in satisfaction from 2001, 2004, and 2008 and are above 50 percent:

- o Overall social experience - 79.7 percent (2001), 84.0 percent (2004), 88.0 percent (2008)
- o Opportunities for involvement in campus activities – 66.6 percent (2001), 71.2 percent (2004), 79.2 percent (2008)
- o Racial harmony – 55.0 percent (2001), 65.9 percent (2004), 74.3 percent (2008)
- o Classroom equipment/facilities – 66.3 percent (2001), 70.4 percent (2004), 71.7 percent (2008)
- o Level of interaction with faculty outside of class – 64.9 percent (2001), 67.8 percent (2004), 69.7 percent (2008)
- o Academic advising in major – 60.9 percent (2001), 62.1 percent (2004), 67.1 percent (2008)

43.7 percent of graduates plan to continue their education, which is the highest reported percentage in all prior GSS surveys. Of these 43.7 percent, 18.6 percent plan on UND for an additional degree (highest to date); 28.8 percent are undecided of their future plan for additional education (also the highest to date).

-- Carmen Williams, Director, Institutional Research, carmenwilliams@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2456

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Student technology fee proposals sought

The Student Technology Fee Committee is calling for proposals for spring 2009 (AY093) technology fee dollars. The committee will make recommendations for proposals based on the following:

Descriptive Criteria

- * Dean's ranking
- * How does this project address your unit's strategic plan?
- * Impact on the curriculum and/or on research
- * Innovation
- * Student benefit

Demographic Criteria

- * Number of disciplines served
- * Number of students served

Unit Support

- * Access to equipment
- * Matching funds from the department/unit
- * Technical support
- * Technology available for redeployment

The above criteria are listed alphabetically, not in priority order.

PLEASE NOTE: All proposals must be submitted using the spring 2009 (AY093) STF request form. Forms may be accessed at: www.und.edu/org/stf/forms.html or you may request one via e-mail from Carol Hjelmstad at carolhjelmstad@mail.und.edu. Departments/units should submit the proposals to their deans or directors for review and prioritization. Units which answer directly to vice presidents should submit proposals to them for review and prioritization. Vice presidents, deans and directors may have earlier deadlines.

The deadline to submit proposals to the Student Technology Committee at Stop 9041 is Friday, Oct. 24.

Proposal writers must consult with the various support offices on campus for costs associated with installation of equipment, accessibility issues, security concerns and adaptive technology. Unless departments are prepared to pay for these out of their own budgets, proposal writers should obtain estimates and include them as a part of the budget for the proposal. In addition, proposal writers must consult with Disability Support Services regarding adaptive technology needed for the proposal and with the Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies regarding the equipment requested for compatibility, installation issues, and ensuing issues.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposal process, please contact Carol at 777-3171.
-- Carol Hjelmstad, Administrative Assistant, ITSS, carolhjelmstad@mail.und.edu, 701-777-3171

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UND Bookstore faculty announcement

Faculty, do you need textbooks to be held in stock? In preparation for next term, the University Bookstore will begin returning unsold textbooks. We know there may be titles not assigned until later in the term and we would like to make sure we still have those in stock and available for students to purchase.

Please let us know by Friday, Oct. 10, if you have any title(s) you would like to have held for later in the semester. We will be able to hold them until Nov. 14.

If you will be using the same titles next year, you can also let us know that now. We will be delivering the course book requisition forms in the next week and will request those to be returned by Monday, Oct. 13. Book orders can be placed online at und.bncollege.com, by fax at 701-777-2108, or by phone.

To hold books or to place an order, please call Tina at 777-2106 or Carolyn at 777-2748. Thank you.
-- Tina Monette, Assistant Manager, UND Bookstore, tinamonette@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-2106

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Request for donated leave for Gary Naastad

Donations of annual leave or sick leave are sought for Gary Naastad, building services technician for facilities management. His family thanks you for your generosity. Donated leave forms are available at www.und.edu/dept/payroll, then click on "forms." Please send the completed forms for annual or sick leave to Patti, facilities management, Stop 9032.
-- Patti Schmidt, HR Assistant, Facilities Management, pattischmidt@mail.und.edu, 701-777-2595

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GGF Friends Worship Group meets Sundays at Christus Rex

The Greater Grand Forks Friends Worship Group meets at 11 A.M. on Sundays at the Christus Rex Campus Center. All are welcome. For information contact Margine Holland, 772-1622, or Jeanne O'Neil, 773-3850.
-- Tom O'Neil, Associate Professor, Computer Science, oneil@cs.und.edu, 777-4011

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Help re-name Burnt Toast Demo Kitchen

What's in a name? In this case, everything. When you are picking out a place to grab a bite to eat, sometimes all you know about it is the name. Here at the Burnt Toast kitchen, we feel that our name does not accurately portray what we offer. So we are turning it over to you: our past class participants, fellow employees, and Wellness Center members.

The kitchen needs a new name. We are seeking a short name (one to three words) that can accurately represent the demonstration kitchen at the UND Wellness Center. We are looking for a name not as "out there" as Burnt Toast, but more creative than Demonstration Kitchen.

There are a variety of cooking classes offered each month in the demonstration kitchen, including: Cheap, Fast, and Healthy; Sweet Treats; Microwave Meals; Sports Nutrition; Food for the Miles; One-Pot Meals; Emotional Eating; Serves One; Losing with Food, and much more!

Please follow the link below to access the survey:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=WLI m0fl7lhd8gN_2fARtfOPg_3d_3d

The survey will be available until Oct. 8, so please do this soon.

The author of the winning name will receive one free year of cooking classes offered in the kitchen, as well as a gift card to Bed, Bath & Beyond.

The new name will be revealed at the Grand Re-Opening at the kitchen Friday, Oct. 17, with special guest chef John Michael Lerma.

Thanks and good luck!
-- Karina Wittmann, Burnt Toast Coordinator, Wellness Center, karinawittmann@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2719

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Spring textbook requests are due Oct. 13. Submit your adoptions online at und.bnccollege.com then select the Faculty Tab or call 777-2748.

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Any custom course pack materials should be submitted as soon as possible, or by Nov. 15 to ensure enough time for copyright, production, and receiving. For additional information please contact Carolyn Homstead at 777-2748.

Thank you for all your help and support in the past. With your help we are winning the battle at maintaining and reducing the cost of textbooks by offering more used books to our students and handing back more money at the end of the term during buyback. This past year we gave students \$798,491, which was a 14 percent increase over the year before. This has only been possible because of your concern and support by turning in textbook requests as early as possible.

Thank you for continued support. -- Michelle Abernathey, 777-2103; Tina Monette, 777-2106; Carolyn Homstead, 777-2748.
-- Michelle Abernathey, General Manager, Barnes & Noble at UND, michelle_abernathey@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2103

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Check out classes in Burnt Toast Demo Kitchen

Burnt Toast Demo Kitchen offers the following classes.

German Cooking

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Sprechen Sie Deutsch? No need. Learn how to make spätzle (egg noodles/dumplings) dishes on the stove top or in the oven. Each participant will be able to help prepare the recipe, taste the final product, and take a recipe card home to try it on your own!

Cheap, Fast, and Healthy

Free class, 5:30 to 6 p.m. every Monday during the school year.

Are you on a hectic schedule and tight budget? Are you sick of going through the drive-through and ordering unhealthy food just because it's convenient? Come join us Monday nights for cheap, fast, and healthy! Each 30-minute session will feature tips on shopping for fresh and healthy ingredients, easy-to-prepare recipes, and cost comparisons.

Class participants will see the recipe being prepared, enjoy a sample, and leave with a recipe card and nutrition information to make the meal themselves.

Emotional Eating

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m. Cost is \$5.

This class is for anyone who has ever craved a certain food. Whether it be salty foods, sugar, or carbs, there is a reason for it. To gain a better understanding of why you crave the foods you do and eat when you are not hungry, come learn about the emotional aspects behind eating. We will demonstrate how you can maintain these cravings with more than just will power.

Serves One

Thursday, Oct. 2, 6 p.m.

Cost is \$5

Do you find yourself making the same old dinner every night because you're cooking for one? Or do you just enjoy learning new and healthy recipes that you can make for yourself any night of the week? Either way, you should join us in the Burnt Toast Kitchen Thursday, Oct. 2. We will learn how to make quick and healthy recipes for one!

To register for these classes, stop by the Welcome Desk at the Wellness Center. Questions? Contact Karina Wittmann, 77-2719 or karinawittmann@mail.und.edu.

-- Karina Wittmann, Burnt Toast Coordinator, Wellness Center, >, 777-2719

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Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop announces drive-thru promotion


Did you know the Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop has a drive-thru at the University Place location? From 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., now until Oct. 10 (Monday through Friday), Stomping Grounds University Place is offering free mini cinnamon rolls with any coffee purchase. This offer is good on drive-thru orders only. The easily accessible drive-thru is located behind Stomping Grounds University Place, off south Stanford Road. Enjoy a hot Seattle's Best coffee on your way to work and we'll give you breakfast!


Stomping Grounds also offers specialty coffee drinks, Big Trains, gourmet hot chocolate, and cider. You will also find muffins, cookies, bagels and a wide variety of snacks, including take-and-bake pizza and cookie dough. Regular hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

-- Jeff St. Michel, Assistant Director, Dining Services, jeffreystmichel@mail.und.edu, 777-3823

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Museum Cafe list specials, soups

The North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe lists its daily soups and specials: 

Oct. 1-3 

Soups: Bacon and Chickpea / Knoephla

Wednesday: Club Sandwich

Thursday: Leg of Lamb

Friday: Salmon Caesar Salad

Oct. 6-10

Soups: Chicken Tortilla / Creamy Tomato Basil

Monday: Prime Rib Sandwich with Mushrooms and Onions

Tuesday: Jerk Chicken

Wednesday: Thai Stir Fry

Thursday: Greek Pita Pizza

Friday: Rueben Sandwich

The Museum Café is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, blofthus@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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'Go Local North Dakota' Web site links consumers with healthcare resources

People throughout North Dakota now have a free, fast and easy way to find health services close to where they live.

A new Web site, "Go Local North Dakota: Discover Health Services Near You!" (www.medlineplus.gov/golocalnd), provides information and links to hospitals, doctors, clinics, support groups, immunizations, home healthcare, and other programs and services people can use to find help for themselves and their loved ones.

The Web site, "Go Local North Dakota" has been created by medical library personnel at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences with funds from the National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine.

- * Where can I find a physical therapist?
- * Is there an adult daycare center in my area?
- * Are there support groups for diabetic patients?
- * Where can I get a flu shot?
- * Do the Three Affiliated Tribes have a dialysis unit on the reservation?

These are examples of some of the questions that can be answered by searching the Web site, which is easy to use. People can search for resources by county, by types of service they want, or by a particular health topic. Services available on North Dakota's Indian reservations are available as well as services for those living in the most rural areas of the state.

Senior citizens needing health services will also find assistance through "Go Local North Dakota." The Web site contains a form for users to suggest new resources to add to the Go Local database.

"Go Local North Dakota" offers additional information and convenience because it is connected to MedlinePlus.gov, which is the health Web site of the world's largest library, the National Library of Medicine. If, for example, someone using "Go Local North Dakota" wants to learn about Alzheimer's disease, they can click on "Health Information" and be taken to MedlinePlus.gov. Or, someone reading about Alzheimer's disease on MedlinePlus.gov can link to "Go Local North Dakota" to find Alzheimer's resources close to home. MedlinePlus.gov is available in English, Spanish, and several other languages.

"The 50-plus population is moving quickly towards using the Internet to access information they need. That's why AARP North Dakota encourages its members to check out the 'Go Local North Dakota' Web site when searching for health resources in their communities," says Marlowe Kro, associate state director for community outreach, AARP North Dakota.

"Go Local North Dakota" is produced by the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and is funded in whole or in part with federal funds from the National Library of Medicine, <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/> National Institutes of Health, under Contract No. NO1-LM-6-3503 with the University of Illinois at Chicago, Greater Midwest Region Office <http://nnlm.gov/gmr/> of the National

Network of Libraries of Medicine <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/network.html> .

For more information about "Go Local North Dakota," please contact Judy Rieke, 701-777-4129 (jrieke@medicine.nodak.edu) or Mary Markland, 701-293-4173 (markland@medicine.nodak.edu).
-- Pamela D. Knudson, Director of Public Affairs , School of Medicine & Health Sciences ,
pamelak@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-2733

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Internal job openings listed

The following position vacancies are available only to regular UND staff employees who have successfully completed their six-month probation period, earn annual and sick leave, receive BC/BS health insurance and TIAA-CREF or ND PERS retirement benefits. Current UND faculty, please contact Human Resources for eligibility.

TO APPLY: Please complete UND Application/Control Card form. Send letter of application and resume, referencing position name and number, to: Human Resources, University of North Dakota, Twamley Hall, Room 313, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 8010, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8010. Applications MUST be received by the deadline date.

EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE/ATHLETIC COACHES:

POSITION: Information Resource Manager, Center for Rural Health, #09-089
APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 10/3/2008
COMPENSATION: \$57,000+/year

POSITION: International Recruiting Assistant, International Programs, (20 hours a week/four hours/day), #09-088
APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 10/02/2008
COMPENSATION: \$13,500 plus/year

POSITION: Senior or Junior Engineer, Engineering Surface Center, #09-087
APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 10/02/2008
COMPENSATION: Commensurate with education and experience

POSITION: Director of Communications, School of Medicine, #09-085
APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 10/02/2008
COMPENSATION: \$60,000 plus/year

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: IT Coordinator, Center for Innovation, (Re-advertised), #09-075
APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 10/02/2008
COMPENSATION: \$40,000 plus/year

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Administrative Secretary, Center for Rural Health, #09-096
APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 10/07/2008
COMPENSATION: \$21,500 plus/year

POSITION: Administrative Assistant, Teaching & Learning, #09-094
APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 10/07/2008
COMPENSATION: \$29,000 plus/year

POSITION: Research Secretary (20 hours per week, benefitted), Nursing, #09-086
APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 10/02/2008
COMPENSATION: \$10.58 plus/hour

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Dining Room Attendant (variable schedule), Dining Services, #09-098
APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 10/07/2008
COMPENSATION: \$8.50 plus/hour

NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS:

NDUS Programmer Analyst - Grand Forks

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IN THE NEWS

Cindy Juntunen named chair of national program

Cindy Juntunen, professor of counseling psychology and community services, has been elected chair of the prestigious Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs (CCPTP).

The purpose of CCPTP, a national organization, is to advance education and training in all aspects of counseling psychology, including representing the interests of counseling psychology to the American Psychological Association and other national agencies. The organization has about 75 member programs, all of which provide training leading to a doctoral degree in counseling psychology.



Juntunen has been a member of the counseling psychology faculty at UND since 1994. She is also the associate dean for research and graduate education in the College of Education and Human Development. She conducts research and publishes in the areas of counseling psychology training and supervision, vocational psychology and American Indian career development. Juntunen earned a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of California at Santa Barbara, a master of arts degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., and a bachelor's degree from UND. She graduated from high school in Rocklake, N.D.

The College of Education and Human Development has nearly 1,300 undergraduate and graduate students in six departments including Counseling Psychology and Community Services, Educational Foundations and Research, Educational Leadership, Physical Education, Exercise Science and Wellness, Social Work and Teaching and Learning. The mission is to foster healthy human development and learning across a lifespan. The departments employ multi-faceted approaches to education through teaching, research and service.

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Nursing professor participates in geriatric education program

Karen Semmens, clinical instructor in the College of Nursing, was one of 20 individuals selected to be a Fellow and participate in the first Faculty Learning About Geriatrics (FLAG) program. The program, sponsored by the University of Minnesota School of Nursing's Minnesota Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence

(MnHCGNE), was held in early August.

The program is designed to further educate nursing faculty from the Upper Midwest who do not have extensive geriatric nursing expertise in order to better prepare the nursing workforce to care for the rapidly growing elderly population. The FLAG Program aims to educate and increase awareness of geriatric care by integrating gerontology into nursing curricula at undergraduate and graduate levels.

"Opportunities to develop knowledge about educating faculty regarding geriatrics are rare," states Semmens. "To be in the presence of such gifted and talented instructors and participants was humbling. It was an honor to be a part of the initial FLAG program. I left the program with an extensive framework on ways to incorporate geriatrics into our nursing curriculum."

Current estimates suggest that 50 million residents, or 17 percent of the U.S. population, are at least 60 years of age (U.S. Census Bureau, 2006a). More importantly, the leading edge of the baby-boom generation, those born between 1946 and 1964, turned age 60 in 2006. Nearly two-thirds of North Dakota's 39 rural counties have 20 percent or more of their population base 65 years of age or older, and that proportion is expected to jump by at least 10 percent by 2020.

"As individuals age in North Dakota, there is a growing need for advanced practice nurses to specialize in geriatric health care", states Loretta Heuer, Semmens' department chair. "The College is thrilled that Karen was selected to participate in FLAG program. Her expertise will be used to strengthen the geriatric content in graduate and undergraduate courses so the nursing workforce is well prepared to care for the aging population in North Dakota."

The FLAG program includes attendees from the Upper Midwest Geriatric Nursing Education Alliance, which includes nurse educators from Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and tribal colleges in the Midwest, doctoral nursing students, and advanced practice nurses. It provides learning experiences that involve evidence-based teaching strategies for geriatric content development and clinical experiences, the implementation of geriatric nursing education projects, and inter-professional collaboration in gerontology education.

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Glenda Lindseth receives National Institutes of Health National Nurse research award

Glenda Lindseth, director of research for the College of Nursing, has been awarded the prestigious National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) Ada Sue Hinshaw Award given by the Friends of the NINR. The award focuses attention on significant nursing research and contributions made by a nurse scientist to improve health care.

"Dr. Lindseth has been an outstanding researcher and instrumental leader at the University of North Dakota College of Nursing", states Chandice Covington, dean of nursing. "She is very deserving of this award and I am thrilled that she is being recognized by her peers."

Lindseth's research has focused on nutrition and related variables that can cause nausea, vomiting and gallstones in pregnant women. She is currently studying the effects of nutrition on cognition, which has garnered her the Sigma Theta Tau chapter's "Outstanding Researcher Award." Most recently, Lindseth has led efforts to secure funding for the Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research on the UND campus and in submitting a Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences Award to the National Institutes of Health.

"I am very honored and humbled to have received this award. Because much of my work is collaborative, my sincere thanks go to my colleagues who have contributed to the work that has resulted in the award," said Lindseth.

Lindseth has an extensive list of publications, research grants, special lectures and awards. She has been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and a Fellow of the American Dietetic Association. She has more than 140 refereed publications/presentations and has received \$7 million in external funding over the past three years.

Lindseth earned her master of nursing from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and her doctorate from Saint Louis University in Missouri. She also completed an NIH-sponsored post-doctoral study at Wayne State University in Detroit.

The Ada Sue Hinshaw Award is funded by FNINR in honor of Ada Sue Hinshaw, the first permanent director of the National Institute of Nursing Research. The award includes an unrestricted grant that supports outstanding work of a nurse researcher.

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Law professor presents at Genocide Conference

School of Law Professor Gregory Gordon was a guest panelist at a recent conference investigating the issues surrounding "State-Sanctioned Incitement of Genocide."

Gordon attended the conference Sept. 23 at the Hyatt Regency in Washington, D.C., where he was joined by other international relations experts, including former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Richard Holbrooke. Gordon sat on a panel of experts who focused on study cases in which incitement led to genocide, with a special focus on atrocities in Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur.

The conference was sponsored by Sponsored Genocide Watch International Association of Genocide Scholars, Yale University's Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Anti-Semitism, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.

Gordon is director of the Center for Human Rights and Genocide Studies at UND, and teaches in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, international law and international human rights law. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree (summa cum laude) and Juris Doctor at the University of California at Berkeley. He then served as law clerk to U. S. District Court Judge Martin Pence. After a stint as a litigator in San Francisco, he worked with the Office of the Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, where he served as legal officer and deputy team leader for the landmark "media" cases, the first international post-Nuremberg prosecutions of radio and print media executives for incitement to genocide. For this work, Gordon received a commendation from Attorney General Janet Reno for "Service to the United States and International Justice." After his experience at ICTR, he became a white-collar criminal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division. Following a detail as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, he was appointed as the Tax Division's Liaison to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (Pacific Region) for which he helped prosecute large narcotics trafficking rings. Also during this time, he was detailed to Sierra Leone to conduct a post-civil war justice assessment for DOJ's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training. In 2003, he joined the Criminal Division's Office of Special Investigations, where he helped investigate and prosecute Nazi war criminals and modern human rights violators.

Gordon has been featured on C-SPAN, NPR and Radio France Internationale as an expert on war crimes prosecution and has lectured on that subject at the U.S. Army J.A.G. School and the Harry S. Truman

Presidential Museum and Library. On behalf of the Ethiopian government, he has trained high-level federal prosecutors in Addis Ababa. His scholarship on international criminal law has been published in leading international journals, such as the Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, and the Virginia Journal of International Law. He has presented his work at institutions such as Yale University, Georgetown University Law Center and Emory University.

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Space Studies grad students present papers in Scotland

The Space Studies Department is proving once again that its students already are leaders in the space industry. Three graduate students from the department were chosen to give presentations at the 59th International Astronautical Congress in Glasgow, Scotland. The students, Emily Chwialkowski, Grand Forks; Nathan Ambler, Honolulu; and Matt Allner, Colorado Springs, Colo., submitted proposals and were selected for the honor after a competitive process, according to UND Space Studies officials. The IA Congress runs through Oct. 3.

"It is our understanding that no university in the United States has as many students giving papers at this Congress as UND does," said Suezette Bieri, education programs coordinator in the Space Studies Department.

Chwialkowski, 24, will give a presentation on her experiences developing the UND's Vertical and Horizontal Space Simulators. UND is the only university in the United States that has spacecraft simulators available for student use.

"I came into graduate school just as the Vertical Space Simulator was in its final construction phase. I helped with the finishing touches and was one of the first students to test it out," she said. "Fortunately, I was involved with the development of the second simulator -- the Horizontal Space Simulator -- so, I became really interested in it and the educational aspects of it."

Chwialkowski's presentation is titled "A Spacecraft Simulator as a Learning Tool for the New Generation of Aerospace Professionals." Her research is being sponsored by the North Dakota Space Grant Consortium.

Ambler, 25, said he's presented papers at other conferences, however, "none as prestigious and important to the field of space travel" as the IA Congress. He will discuss the suitability of experimental sensors in reduced-pressure environments, such as space habitations. Ambler and a team of UND engineering students recently tested the sensors 23 miles up on a NASA platform.

According to the data collected on that test, Ambler said, "there appears to be good correlation and promise for the application of these solid-state sensors." Ambler's research at UND also is being sponsored by the space grant program.

Allner, who grew up in Sioux City, Iowa, and currently teaches at Fox Meadow Middle School in Colorado Springs, is another veteran of international conferences, having made presentations in China, Spain and Canada. In Scotland, Allner will present two papers, the first of which deals with "Crew Performance Analysis" of a simulated Mars mission that was carried out at the Mars Desert Research Station (MDRS) in Utah. The study encompasses psychosocial aspects related to long-duration space flights.

His second paper focuses on two NASA education outreach programs: the NASA Explorer School (NES) and Spaceward Bound. Designed for the K-12 community, NES is a program that Allner currently uses in his middle school curriculum. He's also been involved in Spaceward Bound, allowing him opportunities to travel to the Atacama Desert in Chile and to the Mojave Desert to serve as a crew psychologist at the MDRS.

He said his presentations in Scotland will provide an overview of both programs and their impact on K-12 and higher education.

"First, it means a lot to me because of all the support I have received from NASA, my graduate school professors, my family, and my friends," Allner said about his trip to Scotland. "The more I have succeeded, the more they felt and understood what an important part of this success they have been. We have shared the whole experience together along the way.

"This also means a lot to me because my own two children (Isabelle and Nathan) see their father, and the students I have taught over the years, see their teacher going after a big goal in life. They see all the steps I am taking and the work I am putting into this effort, and hopefully it motivates them to pursue challenging goals in their life as well. And finally, this is important because it helps me to get one step closer to my overall goal of becoming an astronaut, where I dream of one day working on the Moon as both a scientist and teacher."

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UND Aerobatic Team earns spot in Collegiate Aerobatic National Competition

The UND Aerospace Aerobatic Team participated in its third regional competition in Kankakee, Ill., and earned a spot in the Collegiate Aerobatic National Competition. Four of the UND collegiate competitors performed before a panel of judges and scored exceptionally well.

Neil Acomb won the Primary Aerobatic Category and earned the "Grass Roots Award." This award is given to the pilot with highest scoring percentage in an aircraft with 180 horsepower or less. Jordan Weis placed third in Primary with an excellent score. Ashley Kennie narrowly missed placing in the Primary Category but held excellent percentages that will be compared against other collegiate teams at the end of the season. Jeremy Baker earned second in the Sportsman Category and also held an excellent scoring percentage. He scored higher than the 2007 Sportsman National Champion that was flying a high-performance Pitts aircraft.

"Our team has exhibited an excellent work ethic and determination over the last several months in preparation for the IAC Regional Aerobatic Competitions," said Ryan Carlson, UND aerobatic team coach. "In addition to being pleased with our team's flying performance at the individual contests, I am impressed with the representation of themselves and the University of North Dakota. Based on their scoring percentages over the 2008 season, I feel that the team is in strong contention for the National Collegiate Aerobatic Championship."

Now that UND's third competition for 2008 is complete, they have qualified for the Collegiate Aerobatic National Championship. Their scores will be compared against other collegiate programs and, based on the results, the National Champion will be crowned. Normally, the results are published near the end of 2008.

The UND Aerobatic Team is coached by Ryan Carlson, with Joe Vacek as its faculty advisor.

The team competes at the collegiate level at aerobatic competitions around the United States at International Aerobatic Club-sanctioned events. Other schools (Embry Riddle – Prescott and Daytona, Air Force, Southern Illinois University) will compete in front of judges at other competitions throughout the country during the summer. The scores are then computed at the end of the year and compared against one another.

-- Karen Ryba, director of communications, aerospace, ryba@aero.und.edu, 777-4761

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